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# The KAP Alert

March 12, 2010

## Canadian Agricultural Safety Week Launched

From Canadian Agricultural Safety Week's Release

Manitoba producers and farm safety advocates gathered at the official launch of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week on March 11, 2010 at [MacDon Industries](#) in Winnipeg.

"Plan • Farm • Safety" is the theme of this three-year Canadian Agricultural Safety campaign. Each aspect of the theme will be promoted over the coming years. This year the campaign will promote "Plan" with safety walkabouts and planning for safety. In the second year, the focus will be on "Farm" including implementation, documentation and training. In the third year, emphasis will be on "Safety" including assessment, improvement and further development of safety systems.

The launch of the year-long "Plan" campaign coincides with



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### KAP Membership

Membership renewals for 2010 have been sent out and we encourage members to pay. You may now pay using a credit card on the KAP website using [PayPal](#).

### Looking for your EFP

#### Certificate?

If you are a producer who has misplaced your Environmental Farm Plan Statement of Completion and you need another copy, please contact Christine at KAP at 697-1140 or [kap@kap.mb.ca](mailto:kap@kap.mb.ca).

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW), which runs from March 14 to 20. The [Canadian Federation of Agriculture \(CFA\)](#) and [Canadian Agricultural Safety Association \(CASA\)](#) deliver CASW in partnership with [Farm Credit Canada \(FCC\)](#) and [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#). **Above**

**Photo (l to r): Marcel Hacault, CASA Executive Director; Hon. Stan Struthers, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives; KAP VP Doug Chorney; Alice Sayant, WCB Vice President, Prevention, Assessments and Customer Service; Richard Pearse, Senior Relationship Manager, Farm Credit Canada; and Gene Fraser, Director of Marketing, MacDon Industries.**

“Manitoba’s agricultural industry is diverse, vibrant and vital to our economy, environment and quality of life,” said Doug Chorney, Keystone Agricultural Producers Vice President, a member organization of the

Canadian Federation of Agriculture. “Farm safety is an important part of successful farming. It is what is best for the people, products and future of agriculture.” **Photo Right**

**(l to r): Hon. Stan Struthers, GM Yvonne Rideout and VP Doug Chorney at the launch.**



The launch was held in partnership with leading farm safety advocates. “Working together for the common goal of health and safety in agriculture is a key role in the development and support of farm safety in Manitoba,” says Marcel Hacault, CASA Executive Director.

Each year in Canada an average of 115 people are killed and at least 1,500 are hospitalized for farm-related incidents according to the Canadian Agricultural Injury Reporting program (CAIR). In 2006, a total of 13,801 Canadian farms reported one or more medically treated or lost time

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## Activities

### Monday, March 8:

The Executive met at the KAP office.

### Tuesday, March 9:

President Ian Wishart and VP Doug Chorney attended the Agri-Environment Knowledge Centre's Reverse Auction Workshop. President Wishart, GM Yvonne Rideout, and Policy Analyst James Battershill met with Manitoba Conservation.

### Wednesday, March



**10:** President Ian Wishart, VP Doug Chorney, and GM Yvonne Rideout met with the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation in Portage. President Ian Wishart and GM Yvonne Rideout attended the Manitoba Egg Farmers Annual General Meeting.

### Thursday, March 11:

injuries, reports Statistics Canada. More information on Canadian Agricultural Safety Week is available at [www.planfarmsafety.ca](http://www.planfarmsafety.ca).




**RELATED NEWS RELEASE:**  
WCB partners with Keystone Agricultural Producers in a pilot project to reduce work-related injuries in the agriculture industry

 KAP will be at Agriculture in the City at The Forks Market, March 19-21, 2010. See you there!  **CLICK for event info!**

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VP Doug Chorney spoke at the Canadian Agricultural Safety Week media conference, and GM Yvonne Rideout and Communications Officer Kristen Lucyshyn also attended. VP Doug Chorney brought greetings at the Manitoba Turkey Producers Annual Meeting, and Policy Analyst James Battershill attended. GM Yvonne Rideout participated in a National Food Strategy conference call.

**Friday, March 12:** VP Rob Brunel attended a presentation on the Investment Framework for Environmental Resources. GM Yvonne Rideout met with Todd Krebs, Account Executive with Bell Canada.

**Events**

Canadian Agricultural Safety Week  
March 14 - 20, 2010

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## This Week's KAP Minute

The KAP Minute is news for and about farmers from  
Keystone Agricultural Producers.

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Tune in to the KAP Minute every Thursday on 3 stations in  
Manitoba!

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**March 13:** Canadian  
Organic Growers'  
Transitioning the  
Small Produce Farm  
workshop, Winnipeg,  
MB. [Website](#)

**March 16:** CWB  
Farmer Forum,  
District 9: Bill  
Nicholson, Shoal Lake  
Community Hall,  
Shoal Lake, MB. For  
more information,  
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the [website](#).

**March 18:** Manitoba  
Rural Adaptation  
Council annual  
general meeting,  
Canad Inns, Portage  
la Prairie, MB.  
[Website](#)

**March 24:** The  
Manitoba  
Conservation Districts  
Association hosts  
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ecological goods and  
services," The Glesby  
Centre, 11 2nd Street  
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about ecological  
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## Member Benefits Corner

### **Notice: Mark's Work Wearhouse – Discounts for KAP members!**

Imagewear, a division of Mark's Work Wearhouse is providing KAP members with a **10% discount** off the regular price on the following items:



**“All Carhartt, Hi-Visibility & Helly Hansen Merchandise; Personal Protective Equipment; Dakota Work Shirts and Pants; Coveralls and Overalls; T-shirts; Jeans; Rainwear; Work Gloves and Socks; Safety and Winter Accessories, Casual and CSA Approved Footwear.”**

If one of the above items is sale priced, the lower price will apply and can not be combined with other offers.

KAP members will receive the discount card that will be included in the regular monthly mailings to KAP members. Alternatively, members can cut out the coupon [click here](#) and print!

One coupon must be printed for each sales transaction. The cards can be used as many times as you like until July 2011. The program may be extended and will depend on the use of the card by KAP members

(Note: the card should be used even if the sale price is lower, as it provides a history of the KAP members using the program and also what items we should focus on if the program is extended).

and what they mean to rural Manitoba and Manitoba society at large. [CLICK FOR AGENDA](#). The cost is \$20, including coffee and lunch. The session will be of particular interest to rural municipal councils, conservation district and sub-district boards, farmers and anyone with an interest in conservation. To reserve a spot, please [email](#) or go to the MCDA [website](#).

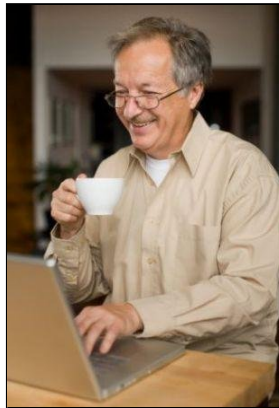
**April 16-18:** Equine Educational Weekend Horse3 (Head\*Heart\*Hooves), Keystone Centre, Brandon. [Website](#)

**June 16 - 18:** Western Canada Farm Progress Show, Evraz Place, Regina, SK. [Website](#)

For more information, email [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca).

## Benefits Reminder

As you prepare for this year's income tax, KAP members that are on the **PHSP program** are reminded to send in their claims to be able to fully write off your medical expenses as a business expense, and to allow directors and employees of farm corporations to receive non-taxable benefit reimbursement of these expenses.



KAP members who do not yet have a **PHSP** are encouraged to call Karley at 1-866-527-0123 to find out how a PHSP can help you too. Highlights of the program are:

- A PHSP is not an insurance program
- A PHSP is a special allowance in the Income Tax Act for businesses only
- A PHSP will always provide more savings than the traditional Medical Expenses tax Credit Option as long as the person is paying income tax.

As an example, the overall savings for a farmer in a 35% tax bracket would be almost \$400 on \$1,000 of medical expenses!

**If your farm is incorporated, directors can use the program to reimburse themselves for personal medical expenses. By this, the farm corporation can then fund the PHSP account, allowing the director to be personally reimbursed**

tax free!

This program can also be offered to farm employees as a valuable employee health benefit.

There are no medical questions, pre-existing conditions, limitations, or age restrictions!

For more information, please call Karley Middleton at 1-866-527-0123 or email [kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca](mailto:kapbenefits@stratabenefits.ca).

By participating in these programs, KAP members provide further strength to KAP in improving its benefit programs for farmers.

For information on any of our benefits programs, call our Member Benefits line at 1-866-527-0123, or go to our website, or email us.

## Free Insect Guide for Vegetable Producers

Bayer CropScience is offering vegetable growers across Canada a tool to help correctly identify 39 of the most common insects affecting the productivity of vegetable field crops.



***A Field Guide to Vegetable Insects*** includes full-colour photos of 39 insect pests, and keys for identification, crops affected and management notes.

The guide can be ordered at no charge at:

[www.BayerCropScience.ca/VegInsectGuide](http://www.BayerCropScience.ca/VegInsectGuide) or by calling 1-888-283-6847.

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